

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 7th August 2016

IOTA Contest

The annual Islands on the Air contest, took place last weekend. As well as many single-op stations, we heard a number of multi-op groups during the contest. On Arranmore Island, off the coast of Donegal, the Peak Contest Group - which is the contesting branch of Stockport Radio Society - were active, using the call sign EJ0SR. On the main island of Ireland, multi-op groups heard were EI7M (East Cork Amateur Radio Group), EI9E (Network Southern Area Radio Experimenters Club) and EI2KM (Grande County Louth DX Alliance). Band conditions were not particularly exciting over the weekend, with some short-skip 10 metre propagation on Saturday but otherwise the higher frequency bands were fairly quiet.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will activate Hook Head Lighthouse ILLW Ref: IE0003 on Saturday and Sunday 20th & 21st August as part of the 19th International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend. Hook Head lighthouse is located on the South East coast of Ireland in County Wexford. The present structure is about 800 years old and is the oldest intact operational Lighthouse in the world. For more info on the Hook Head Lighthouse please see www.hookheritage.ie

The August meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 29th of August at 8.00 p.m. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its actives you can come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website www.searg.ie and you can also follow join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Limerick Radio Club and ILLW

Plans are well advanced for Limerick Radio Club's participation in this years IL&LW from Loop Head. The call sign will be EI0LHL. As per previous years the club will operate two stations over the weekend of 20th to 21st August. One station will operate

from the base of the Lighthouse where the public can see the operation and hear contacts being made. It is an opportunity for the club to make the public aware of Amateur Radio and hopefully attract new members. During August several hundred people could through the lighthouse over a weekend.

The Second station will operate from the former Light Keepers watch room.

To date 14 club members have indicated their participation - some for the whole weekend and at various times for others. It is also an opportunity for club members to bring and operate their own rigs and/or antenna.

SDR on Summer Break

SDR is taking a short holiday and weekly meetings will recommence on Tuesday August 16th.

New Belarus 5 MHz Allocation allowed 50W

From July 2016, Radio Amateurs in Belarus will have access to the new WRC15 allocation from 5351.5 to 5366.5 kHz with a maximum power of 50 Watts. SSB, CW and digital modes are permitted to Class A (top level) Licensees.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group

Kerry Amateur Radio Group look forward to working many station via DMR and plan on activating the mode at the next outing which is the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend 20th/21st August.

Planning for the event at the Cromwell Point Lighthouse on Valentia Island, County Kerry is well underway and the club members were briefed by the clubs Expeditionary Radio Team on this years station set up by the which will include the new club HF set. The club are looking forward to another successful event and welcoming many visitors and HAMS at the Cromwell Point Lighthouse on Valentia Island, County Kerry.

DX News

Mike SQ3PMM has been travelling through Africa since May 2014 and will be in

Swaziland soon. He has been issued with the callsign 3DA0MS. For more information on his travels have a look at his SQ3PMM qrz.com page.

Nicola IU7GSN will be active from Albania as ZA3/IU7GSN from 9th to 23rd August. This is a holiday style operation and QSLs go via the home call.

A group of U.S. and Canadian operators will sign CY9C from St Paul Island from 19th to 28th August. Operation will be on all bands 160 – 6m, CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the Club Log OQRS or directly to WA4DAN.

Four German amateurs will use the callsign OJ0DX from Market Reef during the period 11th to 16th August. They will be on 80 – 10m CW and SSB. QSL manager is DL3DXX.

Alex UX0LL and Alex UT5UY will operate as 5H1XX from Zanzibar Island from 13th to 22nd August. QSL manager is M0URX.

Forthcoming September Edition of Echo Ireland

You are invited to submit articles of interest and news items for inclusion in the September edition of Echo Ireland. Next Wednesday 10th August is the closing date. newsteam /at/ irts.ie . Please make a special effort to submit suitable items for publication.

North Cork Radio Group

NCRG will be holding this years annual rally Sunday 28th August 2016 at The Commons Express Inn, Commons Road, Blackpool, Cork. Doors open at 11am and tickets are €5 per person, children under 16 years are free. Everyone is welcome.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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